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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is responsive to communication received 04/26/2001 – Priority Papers filed; 05/13/2002 – Amendment A.

Claims 2 and 5 have been canceled, as directed.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and ⁶⁻¹¹~~7-11~~ remain pending.

A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available.

37 CFR 1.103(b) provides for a suspension of Office action by the examiner on his or her own initiative, as in MPEP § 709.01 and § 2315.01. The primary examiner may grant an initial suspension of action for a maximum period of 6 months. This time limitation applies to both suspensions granted at the request of the applicant and suspensions imposed sua sponte by the examiner. Any second or subsequent suspension of action in patent applications under 37 CFR 1.103 are decided by the Group Director. See MPEP § 1003.

Suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) is decided by the Director of Group 3640.

Ex parte prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sebastiano Passaniti whose telephone number is 703-308-1006. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (6:30-3:00).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Sewell can be reached on 703-308-2126. The fax phone numbers for

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the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3579 for regular communications and 703-308-7768 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.


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